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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION REPORT -- KISSINGER LATAM TRIP

1. JORNAL DO BRASIL'S FRONT PAGE FOCUSED ON SPANISH-SPEAKING LATAM NATION'S CONCERN OVER NEW U.S.-BRAZIL ACCORD WITH HEADLINE "BOGOTA REPUDIATES HEGEMONIES ON THE CONTINENT". COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT QUOTED AS SAYING "COLOMBIA WILL NEVER KNEEL BEFORE U.S. OR ANY OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY".

TEXT FURTHER QUOTES VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ CRITICISM OF REFERENCE TO BRAZIL AS "POWER".

2. INSIDE NEWSTORIES DATED LINED BOGOTA, CARACAS, AND SAN JOSE
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OUTLINE SIMILAR CONCERN. BOGOTA'S EL TIEMPO QUOTED EDITORIALY THAT "AXIS WITH BRAZIL WILL AWAKEN FEARS IN OTHER COUNTRIES

SIMILARLY RESPECTABLE THAT REGARD WITH UNDERSTANDABLY FEARS EMERGENCE OF BRAZILIAN INFLUENCE". TEXT EXPANDS CONCERN WITH VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT THAT "GREAT AMERICAN NATION (U.S.) SHOULD SHOW "RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION ... TOWARDS OUR COMMUNITY AND NOT CONCEDE PRIVILEGES TO SINGLE COUNTRY."

3. BRAZILIAN-ORIENTED INSIDE ARTICLES ATTRIBUTE LACK OF ITAMARATY PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO AVOIDANCE OF DEBATE WHICH FOLLOWED FORMER-PRESIDENT NIXON'S COMMENTS SEVERAL YEARS AGO. ECONOMIST ANDRE FRANCO MONTORO FILHO, GUEST AT KISSINGER DINNER IN RIO, SUGGESTS SECRETARY STATED THERE WOULD BE NO LIMITS IMPOSED BY U.S. ON LOANS MADE TO BRAZIL.

4. EDITORIALY JORNAL CONTINUES BRAZILIAN REACTION TO SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22 NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL CRITICISM OF NEW STATURE GRANTED BRAZIL THROUGH ACCORD. TITLED "RHETORIC AND RESULTS", JORNAL CRITICIZES TIMES' CONCENTRATION ON KISSINGER RHETORIC RATHER THAN AGREEMENT'S RESULTS. ATTRIBUTION OF STATUS OF EMERGENT POWER TO BRAZIL "IS ABOVE ALL A FORM OF COURTESY". RESULTS OF ACCOCD ALREADY APPARENT WITH BRAZILIAN MINISTER MINES AND ENERGY FORTHCOMING APRIL VISIT TO U.S. AND CONFIRMATION TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON'S BRAZIL VISIT. AGREEMENT OF CONSULTATION, NOTES EDITORIAL, RETURNED BRAZIL TO NATURAL ALLIANCE WITH U.S.

5. O GLOBO'S FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE "KISSINGER: USA ACKNOWLEDGES BRAZIL'S ROLE". EDITORIAL ENTITLED "PROTESTS AGAINST BRAZIL", CONTINUES BRAZILIAN RESPONSE TO CRITICS OF NEW STATURE. ACCORDING EDITORIAL, "KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS ON BRAZIL AND PERMANENT MECHANISM OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN BRAZIL AND U.S., WHICH WAS CONCRETE RESULT OF HIS VISIT, CAUSING ADVERSE REACTIONS THROUGHOUT CONTINENT TO MEANING OF HIS MISSION AND INTER-AMERICAN COMMUNITY SPIRIT". THIS CRITICISM, ALLEGES EDITORIAL, IS "CRASS MISREPRESENTATION" AND REPRESENTS "PRODUCTS OF EXCITED IMAGINATION" WHICH LEADS CRITICS TO IDENTIFY "PRODOMINANT AXIS BETWEEN CONTINENTAL GIANTS OF NORTH AND SOUTH, WHILE OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD BE LEFT ASIDE UNDER THE THREAT OF SUCH AN ALLIANCE". COMPLAINTS REGARDED AS MANIFESTATIONS OF OLD ANIMOSITIES WHICH ARE ANTAGONISTIC OF
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BRAZIL'S POST-1964 REALIZATION OF "ITS POTENTIALITIES". AND PROCESS OF "ACCOMPLISHING DEMOCRATIC RECONSTRUCTION". BRAZIL, CONCLUDES EDITORIAL, WILL NOT "ABDICATE ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT AND NORMAL WISHES OF PRIORITY POWER NATION".

6. INSIDE PAGE WITH THREE-COLUMN HEADING: KISSINGER AFFIRMS BRAZIL REALLY IS WORLD POWER". BOGOTA DATELINED ARTICLE CITES PRESS CONFERENCE SECSTATE HELD WITH COLOMBIAN JOURNALISTS IN WHICH HE SAID BRAZIL IS WORLD POWER BY VIRTUE OF FACTS...
"OUR INTENTION IS TO STRENGTHEN HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS ...

NOT TO ESTABLISH ANY TYPE OF EXCLUSIVE RELATIONSHIP, BUT INDEED TO REFLECT REALITY AS IT EXISTS". CLAIMS COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ IRRITATED WITH US-BRAZIL ACCORD AND CRITICIZED IT INDIRECTLY TO PRESS BY SAYING THAT COLOMBIA IS NOT AFRAID OF CLOSE US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONSHIP. (JORNAL DO COMMERCIO INSIDE STORY REFLECTS SAME VIEWS.)

7. BOXED SIDEBAR QUOTES BRAZILIAN CHANCELLER SILVEIRA AS RESPONDING TO NYT EDITORIAL, "WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS WEIGHT THAT SECRETARY GAVE LATIN AMERICA AND BRAZIL ... AND TO "HIGH DEGREE OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH KISSINGER HAD FOR SITUATION IN OUR COUNTRY". SHORT PIECE GOES ON TO DENY SECRETARY HAD SECRET CONVERSATION WITH EIGHT "YOUNG INTELLECTUALS" AFTER THE SAMBA SHOW IN RIO SATURDAY EVENING.

8. BRAZIL'S LEADING PHOTO/FEATURE MAGAZINE MANCHETE, DEVOTED SIX PAGES TO SECSTATE VISIT TO BRASILIA; INCLUDED HALF-PAGE TREATMENT TO PRESS CONFERENCE WITH HEADING: "DURING PRESS CONFERENCE, KISSINGER SHOWED HE COULD EASILY PASS FROM GOOD HUMOR TO IRRITATION".

9. TV GLOBO NEWSCASTER HIGHLIGHTED BOGOTA STUDENT'S DEMONSTRATION AND SECSTATE'S MEETING WITH COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT. QUOTED SECRETARY'S SPEECH IN WHICH SAID HE DID NOT COME TO QUESTION COLOMBIA'S POSITION ON ANGOLA. LATE GLOBO NEWSCAST SHOWED KISSINGER ARRIVAL COSTA RICA AND COMENTATOR STATED MAIN SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED WOULD BE CUBAN THREAT TO CARIBBEAN NATIONS.

10. TV TUPI CITED BOGOTA MAJOR NEWSPAPERS' CRITICISM OF US-BRAZIL ACCORD AND THEIR COLLECTIVE PREDICTION THAT WASHINGTON-
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BRASILIA "AXIS" WOULD CAUSE APPREHENSION AND RESENTMENT WITHIN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.
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